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Rep. Ralph Metcalfe Found Dead in Home

CHICAGO (AP) — Rep. Ralph H. Metcalfe, D-Ill., a four-term congressman and onetime Olympic sprint star, was found dead in his apartment today, apparently of natural causes.

Metcalfe, 68, was seeking re-election from the 1st Congressional District on the city's South Side.

His guard failed to receive a response when he knocked on the congressman's door this morning and gained entrance by using a neighbor's key, a spokesman for Metcalfe said. The guard found Metcalfe lying on the floor, and the congressman was rushed to Michael Reese Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 9:30 a.m.

The hospital said death appeared to be due to natural causes but an autopsy would be performed.

In the 1936 Olympics at Berlin, Metcalfe won a Silver Medal in the 100-meter run, finishing second to Jesse Owens.

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